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SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" May I know whether this Government is getting any grant from the Central Government to take protective measures to prevent sea erosion? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no grant from the Central Government, Sir."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, since the problem is affecting all along the West Coast, will the Government make a request to the Central Government to appoint an Expert Committee to go into the whole question and suggest remedies? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I shall have that suggestion considered."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, the methods for protection tried in Tellicherry have proved successful. All that is required is its extension to important Government buildings like the district Court, etc. May I suggest that it will not end in failure as it has been found successful already? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is not so much the fear of failure that is causing the delay. It is a question of the Municipality bearing a portion of the expenses. The whole matter is delayed over that and the Municipality is not affluent enough to bear the expenditure and correspondence is dragging on about the Municipality bearing a share of the cost. Of course, it will naturally be expedited."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" As I feel, Sir, that sea erosion cannot be stopped by any endeavour of man, may I suggest that a joint assembly of this House and the Upper House sit together and fast and pray for twenty-four hours? "

State Harijan Welfare Committee

* 756 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the main recommendations of the State Harijan Welfare Committee made at their meeting held recently; and

(*b*) whether the Government have accepted any of them?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) A copy[a] of the proceedings of the last meeting of the State Harijan Welfare Committee held on 4th October 1954 is placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) The resolutions are under examination."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 721-725 infra.

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Sri A. RATNAM :—" ஆட்சியாளரிடத்தில் ஹரிஜன டிபார்ட் மெண்டை மூடிவிட வேண்டுமென்ற யோசனை இருந்து வருகிறதா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There is no idea of that sort, Sir."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, this is so to say almost a Government Committee, that is, a committee appointed by the Government of which the Hon. Minister is the Chairman. I do not know why there should be so much delay in considering the resolutions which were passed by the Committee after mature consideration."

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the Committee is only an Advisory body. There are so many difficulties when we examine in order that the suggestions made by the Committee are put into practice and naturally some delay is involved in it."

Sri S. THINAKARASAMY THEVAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is a fact that there is a general complaint among the non-official members of the Harijan Welfare Committee that proper attention has not been paid in implementing, the recommendations of the Committee?"

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, almost all the recommendations have been implemented, except one or two."

Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Sir, in the printed answer placed on the table of the House it is seen about 17 non-officials attended this meeting. Out of the 17, the 12th member is shown as Swami Anand Thirth, M.L.A. May I know from the Hon. Minister which constituency the Swami represents in this House?"

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Perhaps it is a mistake in printing, Sir."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In the proceedings of the Committee placed on the table of the House it is stated that the Hon. Minister who is the Chairman of the Committee gave an assurance to Sri E. Kannan who is one of the members of the Committee that the question of leasing house-sites to Harijans in Malabar will be personally looked into and that the matter may be discussed with officials and non-officials. May I know the further action taken to implement this assurance?"

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Necessary steps are being taken and I will also visit the place in course of time."

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SRI O. KORAN :—" Sir, Harijan students studying in schools are not in a position to pay the special fees at present. May I know whether the Harijan Welfare Committee have recommended to Government to exempt Harijan students from payment of special fees and if so, what action has been taken? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That question is being examined, as it involves a large amount. Further, the matter is being considered sympathetically."

Production of yarn

* 757 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the quantity of yarn produced in the State by (1) mills and (2) handspinning per month in the year 1953–54? 12 noon.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A statement[a] containing the information asked for is placed on the table of the House."

Joint statement of the Prime Ministers of India and China

* 758 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards wrote to the Municipal Council, Dindigul, disapproving their resolution welcoming the Joint Statement issued by the Prime Ministers of India and China; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADYACHI :—" (*a*) No.
" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, திண்டுக்கல் முனிசிபாலிடியார் நம்முடைய இந்தியப் பிரதமரும், சீனப் பிரதமரும் சேர்ந்து விடுத்த அறிக்கையில் அடங்கியுள்ள பஞ்சசீலக் கொள்கையை ஆதரித்து தீர்மானம் நிறைவேற்றியிருக்கிறார்கள். அந்தத் தீர்மானத்தை நிறைவேற்றியது ஒழுங்கல்ல என்று முனிசிபல் கவுன்ஸில் இன்ஸ்பெக்டர் அவர்களுக்கு கடிதம் எழுதியிருக்கிறார். அந்த கடிதமும் வந்திருக்கிறது. அப்படியிருக்கும்பொழுது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் ஏன் " இல்லை " என்று பதில் சொல்லுகிறார்கள் என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன். இப்பொழுதாவது நான் சொல்வதை வைத்துக்கொண்டு இதைப் பற்றி விசாரணை செய்ய அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் முன் வருவார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" In July 1954 the Commissioner, Dindigul Municipality, forwarded a copy of the resolution passed by the Municipal Council welcoming the meeting and discussion between the Prime Ministers of India and China at New Delhi and requested the Government to communicate the resolution to the two Prime Ministers. No useful purpose would be served

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 726 infra.